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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL USE OF AIR BASES

1. GERMAN AMBASSADOR EDGAR VON SCHMIDT-PAULI INFORMS US THAT HE AND SWISS AND DANISH AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN SUMMONED BY FONMIN CHATCHAI JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL USE OF AMERICAN AIR BASES. CHATCHAI TOLD THE AMBASSADORS THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN FINDING WAYS IN WHICH THE AIR BASES COULD BE MADE USEFUL FOR THAILAND AFTER THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE RTG. HE STRESSED THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FINDING ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD BE LOCATED AT KORAT. THE AMBASSADORS REPLIED THAT THEY HAD NO IMMEDIATE IDEAS BUT WOULD GIVE THIS MATTER SOME THOUGHT.

2. GERMAN AMBASADOR COMMENTED TO US THAT HE WAS SURPRISED AT THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP CHATCHAI HAD SELECTED. HE NOTED THAT KORAT IS IN CHATCHAI'S CONSTITUENCY AND THAT HIS INTEREST IN THE PLACE WAS UNDERSTANDABLE. HE ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF EXISTING PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL USE OF THE BASES. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT A STUDY HAD BEEN MADE BY THE THAI UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (NESDB) BUT THAT AS FAR AS WE KNEW THE RTG HAD NO DEFINITE PLANS IN MIND.

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